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THE Greville book is the sensation of the week. We learn that over a thousand copies of the English three-volume edition have already been sold in this country, the price being now reduced to $15. Messrs. Appleton issued on Tuesday the complete "Greville Memoirs," in two neat 12mo volumes, at $4.00; and Messrs. Scribner, who had understood there would be no other publication of them in this country, issued their pith, eliminating simply such parts as their capable editor, Mr. Stoddard, judged would be of no present or American interest, in the "Bric-a-Brac" series, on Thursday, at $1.50. With this lively competition, the book is pretty sure to have a good run, and we rather suspect that the rival editions will help rather than hurt each other. The book is certainly one of the most fascinating lately placed on the market.

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Naval Ordnance and Gunnery. By Commander A. P. Cooke, U. S. Navy. Illustr. by about 400 fine wood engravings. 8°. (*Feb.*)

A BOOK to be published early next month by Mr. J. W. Bouton, "Antiquities of Long Island," by Gabriel Furman, to which is added a Bibliography by Henry Onderdonk, Jr., edited by Frank Moon, has a curious history. The late Mr. Furman had previously published a volume of "Notes on Long Island," which will be reissued simultaneously with the "Antiquities" by Mr. Bouton, and it seems had quietly continued his work. The MS. of this continuation was sold after his death among a lot of old books and papers, whence it was rescued by the second-hand dealer up-town into whose hands it happily fell. The work will make a post 8vo of 479 pages, and will be of much historical interest.

THE Messrs. Holt's "Family Records" will be issued in a great variety of bindings, from cloth up. As the book is to be permanently preserved and, of course, much used, it should be bought in leather, although the size of the book, and the quality of writing-paper used for it, make it expensive, cloth copies being priced probably at $5.00. Their succeeding book will be Mr. C. H. Jones' compilation on "Africa," in which he has re-written, from the leading authorities, the story of the exploration of that continent from Herodotus' days down. The work covers over 500 compact large 12mo pages, with a fine steel-plate engraving of Dr. Livingtone, and sixteen full-page wood-cuts, and the several chapters give respectively a very full summary of each of the modern books upon the subject. The chapter which comprises a history of Christian missions on that continent, will be especially welcome in many quarters.

AN interesting paper, by Mr. George M. Towle, on "The French Institute and Academies," will be one of the features of the February *Harper's*.

The Book Fair.

THE Committee on Book Fair have been in consultation through the week, and Mr. Leavitt has joined with them in proposing a Book Fair for the first week in March. The sickness and absence from the city of the member who has the records and documents prevents us giving full data and making extended editorial comments this week, but we hope to do so in our next issue. We may say that the plan includes the presence of principals of the leading houses at the trade salerooms at that date, with samples of stock, the extension of discounts for that period, and the obtaining of credits, if desired, on the trade sale basis, from the Messrs. Leavitt, who will act as a clearing house. No auction is to be held, and those represented are not to contribute to lot sales. We trust a subscription dinner of the trade may be arranged for the beginning or close of the sale.

WE are asked by postal card "to favor those of the trade who don't now understand with a plain statement of the why and wherefore of the same book (reprint) being announced by two or three different publishers at once." This, we must confess, is a difficult demand to answer. Originally, by the custom of the trade, which held at that date almost as trade law, the first announcement in the *Commercial Advertiser*, then the leading business paper in New-York, of an intention to reprint, secured the right, such as it was, to the house so announcing. Latterly the custom has degenerated, in the absence of international law or any definite understanding at home, into a merely superstitious observance. As the foreign literary weeklies come in, each publisher who is in the habit of republishing runs hastily over the news and advertising pages, clips out all titles that promise books he might possibly desire to reprint, and sends them all pell-mell, to be inserted in the *Commercial.* In this way, any book of importance is announced by nearly all the publishers, while, of the books announced, not one half are ever published at all on this side. In the case of desirable books, there is either a sharp rivalry, or the matter is quietly settled by correspondence. If a house has already published works by the author in question, that house is usually considered to have a presumptive right; but this custom would scarcely hold in the case of a book of extra desirability. The "courtesy of the trade" floats "in a sea of doubts," and the majority of reprints depend really upon prior arrangements with the English publisher or author, for advance sheets, by which rival houses are circumvented.

A WELL-KNOWN friend of the reform from Aurora, Ill., asks one or two questions for us to answer: First, whether postage is to be added to the 20 per cent allowed professional and large buyers. So far as we have investigated, we find that when a buyer is allowed discount, he is charged for postage, which strikes us as quite right. Secondly, whether a teacher is to be allowed the discount on any but school-books; to which we reply that teachers are mentioned as among the privileged classes as to books generally. Our correspondent adds a well-grounded complaint, to which we call attention: "I find a great many people who have a friend who 'clerks' in some wholesale house, and he will not buy to-day as he is going to the city soon, and he has a friend who will let him have it at wholesale price." This should not be.

WE hear from a Western city a complaint of a leading house that the large library there obtains from a third to 40 off, from well-known undersellers in this city, and that they have lost this custom under the 20 per cent rule. This is not an isolated case, for these undersellers had already directed much library custom previous to the initiation of the reform movement, selling at a margin at which no local bookseller can make a profit. The reform, indeed, is the only promise of a redress for this grievance, and we trust the Central Association will promptly consider this matter at its next meeting, and suggest the necessary remedy.

WE hope to give full particulars as to the situation in Philadelphia, in our next or an early number.

MR. SARGENT, the chairman of the committee of five appointed at the meeting of the book trade in Boston last November, has called upon the committee to meet, with reference to the business entrusted to them—that of drafting the constitution of an association for New-England to act as an auxiliary to the American Book Trade Association.

WE are sorry and glad to announce that Mr. Horace E. Scudder retires from the firm of H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston and Cambridge, Mass., and Hurd & Houghton, New-York, and his interest ceases from and after January 1st, 1875. Sorry because the book trade in general and the Houghton firm in particular loses one of its best men, and glad because we understand that Mr. Scudder retires to devote himself to literature, which has known too little of him since he has been absorbed by business. His charming work for children will soon, we hope, be continued, and broaden out into as charming work for bigger people also. Mr. Scudder's address will continue to be at the Riverside Press, Cambridge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade can not be better served, than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

A Suggestion for a New Business.

Jan. 4, 1875.

Editor Publishers' Weekly:

DEAR SIR: You may smile at the question, but I want to know if there is any such business in New-York as that of packer of small parcels for shipment. I have for years been in the habit of ordering my parcels to be sent in to an obliging house in the trade where they are boxed and forwarded. This is done gratuitously, and must be considered a first-class nuisance by the accommodating house—certainly by the packer of the house, if not by the gentlemen of the office. Besides this, there is no responsibility assumed, of course, and parcels sometimes go astray, and often fail to come forward as promptly as they should. A case in point is just at hand. I ordered a considerable bill of New Year's cards in November. They were invoiced Dec. 9th, and sent in to be packed, but I presume the package was overlooked. At any rate they reached me Jan. 2d, and my loss is enough to pay a regular packer for several months' packing.

I have often asked to be directed to a parcels packer, but have always been told there was none. "Send in your parcels here, and we will attend to them for you," is the usual reply, and of course that is an accommodation. But I would like to make this a matter of business; so I ask for a parcels packing house, if there is one, and if there is not, I suggest there be such, and that the trade in and out of the city give it their support. Yours truly, H.

OBITUARY.

JULIUS LEE.

MR. JULIUS LEE senior partner in the firm of Lee & Walker, music publishers, died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia, on the 9th inst., in his sixty-third year. Deceased was born in Eisleben, Germany, on the 12th of April, 1812, and came to this country about thirty years ago. He first obtained a situation with Mr. George Willig, a music dealer in Philadelphia, and subsequently began business on his own account in partnership with the late Mr. Walker, founding the establishment which has since risen to be the largest music publishing house in the city, and one of the largest in the country.

AT a peremptory sale of valuable books, to close a trust, at Bangs, Merwin & Co.'s, Monday the 18th, at 4, several large paper remainders will be sold, including Freland's "Records of the New-York Stage," Stiles' "History of Brooklyn," and Boynton's "History of West Point." All of these are very suitable for illustrating.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"THAT QUEER GIRL," by Virginia F. Townsend, is the latest addition to the "Maidenhood Series." It is a companion volume to "Our Helen," being more advanced reading than the previous volumes of the series. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

"CALEB KRINKLE" is the name of C. C. Coffin's ("Carleton") new novel just published by Lee & Shepard. It deals with life in New-England, and is full of sketches of the society and amusements met with there. It is more a full-grown novel than a book for the young, though the latter will also find entertainment in its pages. 12mo., cloth, $2.

THE SCOTTISH PHILOSOPHY, by James McCosh, LL.D., D.D. (Robert Carter & Bros.) The entire school of Scottish philosophy, beginning with Hutcheson and ending with Hamilton, is herein set forth. The volume is biographical and critical, and expository of the authors and their works, besides being a history of the philosophy of Scotland. 8vo, cloth, $4.

OUR NEW CRUSADE, by Edward E. Hale. (Roberts Bros.) A temperance story, which relates the efforts of a party of ladies towards the abolishment of liquor-selling in the little town they live in. There is a grace and vivacity in the telling of the story, and an interest excited by its plot and characters, which raise it far above other stories of this description. 18mo, cloth, $1.25.

THE MISHAPS OF MR. EZEKIEL PELTER. (S. C. Griggs & Co.) The humor of this story is decidedly broad, and at times even coarse. The situations in it are a succession of complications arising from the remarkable likeness between twin brothers. These "Dromios" flit on and off the scene, and get things into a seemingly inextricable tangle, which is, however, finally straightened out, with a good deal of laughter. There are some hard hits in it at religious hypocrisy and the "rigidly righteous," Mr. Pelter being very much of the Pecksniffian order of men. 12mo, cloth, $1.75. Illustrated.

A DISSERTATION ON THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGLISH VERB, by Emil Schwerdtfeger. (Henry Holt & Co.) This dissertation is the work of one of the students of the Cornell University of the class of '77. It was called out by a prize being offered by the "Early English Text Society," of London, for the best essay on this subject. Prof. Corson prefaces it with a few remarks about the author, which speak highly for the young man's talents and industry. 8vo, paper, 50 cents.

THE VOICE IN SPEAKING, translated from the German of Emma Seilar, by W. H. Furness, D.D. (J. B. Lippincott & Co.) Madame Seilar published some years ago a little work on "The Voice in Singing," which contained an excellent theory for the development of the voice, that has worked quite a revolution in the method of teaching singing. She would now apply the same rules to the voice in speaking, and offers the present work to the consideration of every one called upon to use the voice much in speaking. The work is divided into nine chapters; viz., "Acoustics in General," "The Vowels," "The Consonants," "The Vocal Tones," "The Timbre of the

Voice," "Reach of the Voice," "The Reflection of Sound," "Faults in Speaking," "Modulation." There is an appendix by her son, Dr. Carl Seilar, upon "Clergyman's Sore Throat." 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

SOWED BY THE WIND, by Elijah Kellogg. (Lee & Shepard.) Mr. Kellogg begins a new series with this story, to be called "The Forest Glen Series." The tale counsels endurance, and stimulates to effort and trust in God. The other five of the series will be of the same character, and each one will be complete in itself. 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

FROM the American Unitarian Association we have received a very handsome one-volume edition of Channing's Works, published at the wonderfully low price of $1. It is in clear, readable type, printed on good paper, and neatly bound in cloth. The object of the publishers in thus issuing it, is to secure, both by sale and as a gift, the widest circulation for it among liberal men of all denominations.

HYMNS FOR THE SANCTUARY AND SOCIAL WORSHIP. With Tunes. (United Brethren Publishing House.) The title of this volume sufficiently indicates its contents. The hymns and tunes are mostly old and familiar ones; they are classified in a convenient way, and an ample variety is given for all occasions. Sq. 12mo, cloth, $1.35.

ESTES & LAURIAT are publishing new editions of a number of old and favorite novels. The latest we have received are "Checkmate," by J. S. Le Fanu, and "Too Much Alone," by Mrs. J. H. Riddell. Each, 8vo, paper, 75 c.

THE CHAMBER OF PEACE, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS POEMS. (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.) These poems, selected by the compiler of "The Changed Cross," are gathered from various sources—in a great many instances from newspapers and magazines. They offer very pleasant reading. Handsomely gotten up. Sq. 16mo, cloth, gilt edge, $1.50.

THE FOURTH WATCH AND THE OTHER SHORE, by Anna Warner. (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.) An elegantly gotten up little work, of a religious character. Printed on tinted paper, the page bordered with violet lines, the edges gilt, and the binding chaste and rich. Sq. 16mo, cloth, $2.

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THE ELEMENTS OF PHYSICS, by Sidney A. Norton, A.M. (Wilson, Hinkle & Co.) A text-book, carefully prepared for the use of pupils in academies and common schools. It is adapted to the understanding of pupils of an average age, and gives a clear, accurate, and scientific epitome of the subjects presented. The typographical excellence of the volume is quite marked. 12mo, cloth, no retail price given.

THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION-BOOK, by J. Bennett Tyler and the Rev. W. M. Rice. (Presbyterian Board of Publication.) Suggestive questions, designed to aid teachers and older scholars in the study of the "International Lessons." The questions relate to "Joshua" and "The Judges" and the "Gospel by St. John." 18mo, boards, 15 cents.

HOW HE WON HER, by Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth. (T. B. Peterson & Bros.) The third volume of a new edition of this author's works now being published. 12mo, cloth, $1.75.

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CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE, by Andrew P. Peabody. (Robert Carter & Brothers.) A series of ten lectures delivered in the Union Theological Seminary, on the "Ely Foundation," established by Mr. Z. S. Ely, of New-York, to comprise lectures only on the evidences of Christianity. This is the third course delivered since its foundation. 12mo, cloth, $1.75.

A REBEL'S RECOLLECTIONS, by George Cary Eggleston. (Hurd & Houghton.) Southern men and events of the war-time are hit off by Mr. Eggleston with a pointed pen and a keen humor; he takes us, as it were, behind the scenes of the rebellion, and relates with a striking frankness numerous ludicrous incidents of camp and home life in which he bears a part. His sketches of some of the leading generals, so different from the accepted ones, his details of their peculiarities, their strange freedom of manner, dress, and discipline, all give an inside view to Southern war-times, that is as remarkable as it is valuable; for one can not doubt the truth of any one of the many vivid pictures depicted by the talented author's pen. These papers appeared at different times in the "*Atlantic*," but they are well worth the more permanent form of a book. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

THE following new music has been received from M. Gray, Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, Cal.: Gentle Words, composed by S. H. Marsh, 30 c.; Bridal Schottische, by S. H. Marsh, 50 c.; Two concert songs of Mr. Alfred Kelleher, entitled Farewell, O Dream of Mine, by Wilhelm Schulthes, 40 c., and The Days were Sweet in Summer Time, by C. B. Allen, 40 c.; Kalakaua March, by Louis Bödecker, with photo., 50 c.; and The Orphan's Petition, composed expressly at Santa Clara College, for the benefit of Mount St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, 40 c.

STATIONERY NOTES.

"THE Ready Reference Card-Holder," of which Baker, Pratt & Co. are the sole agents, is a new and useful article for office purposes. It is a simple device for holding business cards, and consists of annular wires placed in a metal strap or band, the edges of which are turned over and the wires therein placed and fastened by means of solder. The strap is fastened upon a neatly scrolled bracket. It occupies only the space of 9 inches by 4 inches, and holds from 100 to 200 cards, according as there are one or two cards placed between the wires. Its compactness and cheapness commend it to the notice of the trade. It sells for $4 per dozen. See illustrated advertisement on another page.

PHILIP HAKE, 25 Frankfort street, has sent us several samples of his perforated card mottoes, with beautiful designs, to be filled out in needlework. The size is 22 x 5½, and each one has neatly traced the mottoes, "Home, Sweet Home," "Welcome," "God Bless our Home," etc., the size of the largest chromo mottoes. They sell for $2 per dozen. These card mottoes are in great favor with the ladies, and Mr. Hake finds it hard work to fill the orders already received. He has also made in the same style about two dozen different designs of bookmarks, packed in boxes of one gross each, assorted, and sold at $2 per gross. Dealers will find this salable stock at all seasons. Mr. Hake has one of the finest assortments of orders of dancing in the market. He has over a hundred varieties, which sell from $9 to $70 per thousand.

A. H. JOCELYN, President of the Silicate Book Slate Co., has bought the entire stock of the company. An illustrated catalogue and price-list of new features will soon be ready.

GEORGE A. OLNEY has bought out the stock of M. C. Tyler & Co., and is temporarily located at No. 75 John street.

Valentines for the Virtuous and Vicious.

THE coming month brings the anniversary of St. Valentine's Day, and now elaborate preparations are making for its celebration. It has been the custom of late years to look upon this anniversary as an absurdity that belonged to days long past, and beneath the consideration of the people of the practical present; but it is simply this opinion that is absurd, for it is conclusively shown that, instead of decreasing, the demand for valentines increases each year. It is quite possible that of late years valentines have lost somewhat of their original meaning, for the printed and manufactured things of today do but poorly represent the love-missives of former generations. However, the ability to make valentines does not belong to everybody, and therefore it may be taken that manufactured valentines serve a purpose of their own, and that their very use proves that the custom of using them, though ancient, is not obsolete.

The greatest innovation that has been made in this ancient custom, is the introduction of that peculiar valentine known as "comics," which has done more to pervert the original idea and bring the whole custom into disrepute than any other circumstance. These "comics" are funny, and if used in a good-natured manner they are not particularly objectionable, but they are too often used to gratify the meanest kind of spite, and in this way they encourage anger rather than love or even affection. It is a sad commentary upon human nature, however, when we state that the chief business in valentines of late years has been in "comics," not in reference to cost, but rather quantity. This would almost prove that most of those who desire to send valentines, prefer to anger the recipients rather than to please them. Even the best of these "comics" are vile, and they bear upon their face the intention to aggravate. It is safe to say that if these peculiar productions were eliminated, the trade would prosper, and the custom would meet with general approbation. It is a fact, however, that "comics" are liked, and as long as they are purchased they will be made; the only relief, therefore, must be found in a healthier public opinion, which will denounce "comics" as an insulting innovation, and thus pave the way to their final abolition.

After "comics" come the "sentimental," which are now made to suit every possible phase of a love affair. Even the affection of infants for their reputed parents is recognized, and valentines may be had to illustrate their feelings. The boy who fancies his school-girl companion can find a "sentimental" to suit his peculiar case, and the girl who sighs for him can obtain from the general assortment something that will delicately express her feelings. From babies we come to school-boys, and from them to the youths of both sexes, and these being the "spooniest" of all the human species, their particular wants are looked after in a manner that defies description. The lady may be halt, lame, or blind, but it matters not, for the kind manufacturer has evolved from his inner consciousness verses that will suit her peculiar requirements, and her blinded admirer can address her very imperfections with words of praise. If the girl is blind, he can ventilate his idea of what her eyes might be in case she had any; or if she is deaf, he can tell her of all the sweet things she might hear in case she could. If she is both deaf and blind, he can obtain verses deprecating her imperfections, and calling her attention to her ability to walk and talk, which latter might be an objection, but then it is better than nothing.

After the "youths" come the "sentimentals," to suit a maturer love, and these are simply gorgeous. Lace-paper colored with silver and gold, diminutive cupids of both sexes, girls with short skirts, and remarkably brief costumes in other respects, enter into their composition, and such is the ability displayed in the combination, that they will suit every characteristic of the parties at interest, and bring the most hopeless case to a successful issue.

These mature "sentimentals" are again superseded by valentines designed to afford consolation in desperate cases. They cost fifty dollars, but they are warranted "to fetch" her, and if they accomplish this they are cheap. These "desperate sentimentals" are made almost exclusively by Mr. A. J. Fisher, and far from being the ordinary flimsy thing to which we are all accustomed, they are elegantly framed, and can be placed upon a wall as a picture, and then the recipient can gaze upon it from day to day and make up her mind as to what she shall do about it.

It will of course be readily imagined that the sale of these "desperate sentimentals" is to a certain extent limited. But few of them are sold, and it may be stated that their chief design is to take prizes at industrial exhibitions. They are efficacious, however; for the only one of the kind sold last year was purchased by a prominent criminal lawyer in this city. His marriage took place within two weeks.

These are all the styles now offered, and they all find purchasers. The chief manufacturers are Mr. A. J. Fisher, Nassau street, and McLoughlin Bros., Duane street. Between them these two firms have printed about 6,000,000 "comics," and a quantity of "sentimentals" that defy computation. It is said the custom of sending valentines is dying out, but the fallacy of this is readily exposed when we state that there is about $500,000 invested in the business. In this city there are only two manufacturers, A. J. Fisher and McLoughlin Bros., and between them they supply the entire trade. An advertisement of the former will be found in this number.

The trade is at best peculiar, as it draws to itself many outside interests. First comes the lace-paper, which is the foundation of all valentines, and this is imported entirely from Germany. Next come the ornaments, the cupids, females and flowers, which convey the desired sentiment, and these are made both at home and abroad. These various materials being obtained, the manufacturer places them in the hands of numerous girls, who work for about seven dollars a week, and they put them together and make valentines. The value of the article then depends upon the taste shown in its composition, or, in other words, the proper distribution of males, females, portraits, cupids, flowers, pastorals, etc., upon gold and silver backgrounds.

Besides these city firms there is a manufacturer in Cleveland, Ohio, and two others in Massachusetts, but these parties purchase their materials from New-York, and simply supply a local retail trade upon consignment. If the dealers do not sell their goods, the manufacturers take them back, and offer them again the following year.

Special mention must be made of a new line, manufactured by McLoughlin Brothers. They consist of "shell boxes," and "shell cottages," and are made of paste-board and covered entirely with "real pearl shells." The "Cottage Boxes" are unique, and are warranted to settle the most wavering love cases. They will bring the most obdurate lovers to a proper state of mind. Words fail us when we attempt to describe one. Imagine a a neat little red-brick cottage, with dear little windows, with three little flower-pots in each. A double row of "real pearl shells" encircle the base of the house, and a splendid imitation of a flight of stairs leads up to the door. The roof is a mass of "real pearl shells," and has a dormer window inscribed "Byron Cottage"—suggestive and appropriate. This roof lifts off, and we look in, Asmodeus-like, and behold the secrets of this charming little nest. Deep down, like truth at the bottom of her well, is "my joy," a pretty little blonde with flowing hair, above whose head a nondescript bird soars heavenward. A wreath of forget-me-not, and home doves and loves form a frame to the picture. Could a more suggestive and artistic gift be selected for Valentine's day? These boxes retail for $9, $12, $15, $36, $54, and $60 per dozen.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

R. Worthington & Co., we understand, have secured the right of sale in this market of R. A. Proctor's "Transits of Venus," published by Longman & Co., London. It is a popular account of the past and coming transits, from 1639 to 2112, and contains 12 colored plates and numerous woodcuts. The retail price will be $3.

Mr. Joshua B. Lippincott, head of the well-known Philadelphia publishing firm, sailed recently for Europe, with the intention of visiting the Holy Land.

The *American Historical Record*, founded and edited by Benson J. Lossing, and recently published by John E. Potter & Co., Philadelphia, has been reconstructed, and its title changed to *Potter's American Monthly*. Its character has also been changed to include the general features of other magazines, and it is now edited by R. Grant Barnwell.

The *National Sunday-School Teacher* enters in its tenth volume with 1875, amid warm commendations from many sides. Mr. M. C. Hazard takes full editorial charge, preparing the notes and comments on the International Lessons, as well as doing all the editorial work. The Adams, Blackman & Lyon Publishing Company, of Chicago, issue this, as well as "The Little Folks," a child's paper for every Sunday, at 30 cents per year.

The February number of *Scribner's Monthly* will contain a biographical and critical article on Theodore Thomas, by Mr. John R. G. Hassard, the musical critic of the *Tribune*. A capital portrait of Mr. Thomas accompanies the article. Among other features of that number will be the first part of Mr. Stedman's critique of "Latter-Day British Poets," and a remarkable paper, by Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, on "Christ's Supernaturalism."

The *prospectus* of *The Portfolio* for 1875, of which Mr. J. W. Bouton is now the American publisher, promises many interesting features. The editor, Mr. Hamerton, announces a series of technical notes of great value, for which he is promised the assistance of Holman Hunt, Alma Fadema, Sir John Gilbert, Mr. Calderon, and like eminent artists, and, besides the admirable etchings which have heretofore made the journal notable, the proprietors hope to present some plates engraved by the Messrs. Goupil's new process.

The catalogue which Mr. Noyes, of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library, has been for the last few years at work upon, is about ready for publication, though the constant additions and revisions necessary will probably delay its appearance till late in the year. As a sample of its scope and usefulness, however, the "Class List of English Prose Fiction" (including juveniles and translations) has been in print some little time, and shows admirably the thoroughness of the work done. Books will be entered trebly, under subject, title, and author, pseudonyms (with the authors' real names, when known) being carefully noted, and full indexes given where volumes contain collections of sto-

ries. This fiction catalogue is closely printed in an octavo pamphlet of sixty-four pages. The entire library now numbers some 50,000 volumes.

Two important handbooks for students, one on the *Science of Language*, the other on the *Science of Mythology*, are preparing for press in England, both founded on Professor Max Müller's *Lectures on the Science of Language*. The Handbook of the Science of Language will comprise the subjects treated in the first series, and in the first four lectures of the second series, with maps and tables; the Handbook of Comparative Mythology will give the results of the concluding lectures of the second series, in a condensed form, and with many additions.

"THE Foreign War" is the title of the second part of Victor Hugo's "'93," of which the first volume will be issued in Paris immediately.

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